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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No. : 10/727,281
Applicant(s) : E. D. Smith, III, et al.
Filed : 12/03/2003
Title : Personal Care Articles Comprising Batting
TC/A.U. : 1771
Examiner : J. Befumo
Conf. No. : Unknown
Docket No. : 7682MC2
Customer No. : 27752

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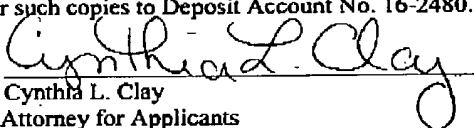
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.115

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Prior to examination and computation of the fees for the captioned United States Application please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.